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SUBJ: CSCE AND MULTIPLE VISAS FOR CORRESPONDENTS

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1. POLITICAL AND P&C COUNSELORS DELIVERED NOTE AFTERNOON AUGUST 7 TO COUNSELOR MFA USA DEPARTMENT, CHETVERIKOV, WITH FIRST SECRETARY IN USA DEPARTMENT, VLADIMIR TRIFONOV, ACTING AS NOTETAKER.

2. WE CALLED ATTENTION TO INTEREST EXPRESSED IN ISSUE BY US MOSCOW-BASED CORRESPONDENTS, TO STORIES ALREADY FILED SAYING REQUESTES FOR MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BY MFA, AND TO FACT THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD BEEN ASKED FOR USG POSITION THIS REGARD. WE STATED THAT, IF ASKED BY PRESS, EMBASSY WOULD REPLY THAT APPROACH TO MFA HAD BEEN MADE. CHETVERIKOV AND TRIFONOV INDICATED THEY UNAWARE THESE STORIES.

3. IT IS GOOD, CHETVERIKOV REPLIED, THAT THE USG IS "STARTING TO IMPLEMENT" THE CSCE ACT, BUT HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT A "SELF-IMPLEMENTING DOCUMENT." THE MFA WOULD CONSIDER THE NOTE AND "WE'LL LET YOU KNOW."

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4. IN COURSE VERY BRIEF DISCUSSION, WE MADE POINT THAT EMBASSY HAD ALSO IN APRIL, 1973, SUBMITTED NOTE ASKING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION MULTIPLE/EXIT/ENTRY VISAS FOR RESIDENT US CORRESPONDENTS. CHETVERIKOV AND TRIFONOV NODDED THEY AWARE THIS EARLIER NOTE.

5. TEXT OF AUGUST 7 NOTE AS DELIVERED. QUOTE TAKING NOTE OF THE SECTION ON CO-OPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN AND OTHER FIELDS, ITEM 2 ON INFORMATION, CLAUSE (C) ON IMPORVEMENT OF WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EURIPE, SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE SOVIET UNION BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISAS OF ONE-YEAR VALIDITY TO CORRESPONDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM EACH COUNTRY WHO ARE ACCREDITED FOR RESIDENCE IN THE OTHER.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO BRING THIS PROPOSAL INTO EFFECT UPON RECEIPT OF A NOTE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPRESSING AGREEMENT WITH IT. UNQUOTE.
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